

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected the claims as follows. Claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,978,118 (Vesikivi).

Please amend Claims 1, 6, 7, 10 and 14 as set forth herein. No new matter has been added.

As described by the Claims, the present invention provides an apparatus and a method to read received information and thereafter convert the read information into converted information, which is, for example, suitable for an address book of a portable terminal. This process is better illustrated with reference to Tables 1 and 2 of the present application, which respectively illustrate data formats for read data and converted data. Accordingly, converted data is transmitted from an RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) card to the portable terminal. The conversion process is further described with reference to the paragraph beginning at the top of Page 10 of the present application.

Regarding the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) of independent Claim 1, the Examiner states that Vesikivi teaches each and every limitation of Claim 1, which has been amended to recite “structuring address book data using the read information so as to be suitable for the address book”.

Vesikivi teaches an apparatus, system, and method for implementing an automatic identification system with a personal communication drive. Moreover, Vesikivi teaches transmitting data from an RFID tag to an RFID reader (24) using a plurality of data fields (12) as shown in FIG. 2. In other words, Vesikivi merely teaches transmitting read information, as opposed to reading information and thereafter converting the read information.

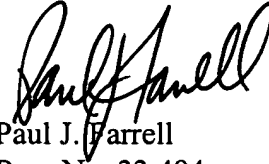
In the Office Action, the Examiner states that the conversion process, as recited by the Claims, is not defined (e.g., see, Office Action, Page 5, middle). Accordingly, Claim 1 has been amended to recite “structuring address book data using the read information so as to be suitable for the address book”, which is neither taught nor suggested by Vesikivi. Therefore, as Vesikivi does not teach or suggest each and every limitation of Claim 1, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) of Claim 1 should be withdrawn.

Regarding the rejection of independent Claims 6, 7, 10 and 14, these claims have also been amended to include similar recitations as those contained in Claim 1. Moreover, with respect to the rejection of Claims 6 and 14, each of these Claims includes a conversion section for converting read information, which neither taught nor suggested by Vesikivi. Accordingly, Claims 6, 7, 10 and 14 are believed to be allowable for at least the above-stated reasons and the reasons set forth above with respect to the rejection of Claim 1.

Independent Claims 1, 6, 7, 10 and 14 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2-5, 8, 9, 11-13 and 15-16, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 2-5, 8, 9, 11-13 and 15-16 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-16, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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